

A photograph of a young child in a yellow hoodie and blue boots holding the hand of an adult wearing blue boots, as they walk across a large log. The scene is set outdoors with trees in the background. The image has a dark, blue-tinted overlay.

Auckland Toge+her Fund

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Auckland Together Fund

Tens of thousands of Aucklanders were directly and indirectly affected by the weather disasters and the long-term impact on their lives is only coming to light now. There remains over 1,800 displaced households, circa 10,000+ displaced individuals.

The Auckland Together Fund, endorsed by Auckland Council and the Mayor's Office, is focused on raising funds to support medium and long-term recovery of our communities from the Auckland region storm disasters that took place during January and February 2023.

The Auckland Together Fund will partner with experienced organisations providing frontline support for communities severely disadvantaged by the recent weather events. The impact of the storms on already vulnerable communities means focus is needed on providing wraparound support and tools to help whānau and communities lift themselves up and thrive.

The recent weather events have had a devastating impact on our community. Families have lost their homes and belongings, while others struggle with mental health issues and financial hardship. Access to safe and secure housing, food, and mental health services is essential for recovery and long-term solutions to support economic and environmental resilience.

Fund Ambassador



We are proud to welcome Helen Clark ONZ SSI PC, as the ambassador for our Auckland Together Fund. With her vast experience and influence on economic, social, environmental, and cultural issues in Aotearoa, Helen Clark is poised to help grow the impact of the Auckland Together Fund and bolster community recovery efforts.

Community Need

The Auckland Together Fund supports front line organisations working with communities impacted by the recent storms in multiple ways.

Our Pillars of Support

- Mental health
- Community resilience
- Food sovereignty
- Safe and secure shelter

584 homes have been red-tagged in Auckland alone, and close to 2,000 have received yellow-stickers.

In response to the recent weather events, an organization has provided over 1,800 extra kai packs within a month to help address the increased need for food assistance in affected communities.

Families affected by the floods and cyclone have experienced a significant increase in the need for whiteware, furniture, and baby essentials, which are not typically donated.

"Our daily referrals are up 500% from this time last year for food and household items from families affected by both the Auckland floods and Cyclone Gabrielle. We have been providing bulk food, toiletries, and bedding for many communities in both regions."

Many households continue to struggle in the aftermath of the weather events, as emergency housing may not be suitable for those affected and household appliances were more damaged than initially thought, resulting in ongoing issues such as mold.

More than 15 per cent of state housing is on flood-prone land/ More than 10,000 properties owned by the state housing agency are on flood-prone land.

About Auckland Foundation

Community foundations are a proven model in New Zealand and internationally and exist in part to drive donations to where they are needed during times of crisis. As witnessed during the response to the Christchurch terrorist attacks on March 15th, in which the Christchurch Foundation played a lead role, having a structured approach to the management of donations received and the distribution of these funds when responding to a large-scale disaster is vital.

Auckland Foundation is the community foundation for the Auckland region. Part of Auckland Foundation's role is to lead flagship appeals during times where Aucklanders require funding relief from disasters. Auckland Foundation has the systems in place to attract, receive and distribute donations from generous benefactors and steward these donors in perpetuity across regional needs. Having raised over \$22M, distributed over \$12M and with a further \$60M pledged to support our communities in perpetuity, Auckland Foundation is well placed to lead the Auckland Together Fund by holding, managing and disbursing the funds under its long-established charitable trust framework.

An independent, not-for-profit organisation Auckland Foundation have the structures in place to act as a vehicle for giving and to enable a greater sum of donations to be distributed to our communities.

How to Donate

Auckland Together Fund

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With your support we can help provide long-term care and resources to those in need, ensuring they receive the help they need to recover from the trauma of recent events. Thank you for donating to help support this critical work.

If you have questions about the Fund, or would like to get in touch regarding your donation, please contact our Philanthropy Director Tim Kay.
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